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THE

CHARACTER

OF AN

Engliſh-Man.

BY the firſt Principles, of Mother Earth
An *Engliſh man* is noble, by his Birth
Hath a fine body, and an Aſpect Rare
Shines like the *Stars* in Northern *Hemesphere*,
He being of the pureſt matter made
As by the wiſe Phyloſopher is ſaid
Crowns him, in the Figure of his Manhood high,
As the *Sun* is the *Candle* of the Sky:
Nature and *Reaſon* make him Rich and great,
And plant him in their Golden Chair of *State*;
So highly born, that from his Blood we hope
That he may rule, in Princedomes *Horoſcope*:
He feareth God, and Honours high his King
Acting, and doing well in every thing;
His *Ethicks* are ſo high, and learning Rare,
Though he treads on the *Earth*, yet flies in *Air*,
And as *Divinity* doth *Law* excell,
So in him, doth true *Perfection* dwell;
Religious Reaſon is his ſole delight,
And loves to ſee both *Church* and *State* go right:
To all he's *Allamode*, *Jantee*, and *Neat*,
Brisk, *Complaiſant*, *Endearing*, and *Compleat*;
Having both Wiſdom and good wit at will,
And can do all things, unleſs that of ill:
And for his Innocence and Conſcience high,
He'l duell with the *Devils* in the Sky?
Following the *Dictates* of his reall Nature,
Shewing that the reaſonable Creature
Is not for to be forc'd, but gently led
By Governours, and by his deareſt Head;
He takes his Princes part againſt the *Devil*,
And will not have him come to any evil;
And yet Reſolves that he will be no ſlave,
Unleſs unto the Mighty, Good, and Brave;
He payes all juſt *Devoires*, where truly due,
And where it is Fictitious and not true,
Grows careleſs of the Juſtice of his breaſt,
And ſo leaves all to take his pleaſant reſt:
Shewing 'gainſt Reaſon and Religion,
Nothing in humane intereſts is done;
Since 'tis a thing that mounts him to the Grove
Of Joy, and Peace, and Univerſal Love.
Where when the *Feaſt* is o're, and *Banquet* done,
Like th' *Eagle* he ſhall fly beyond the *Sun*:

Where he ſhall ſee ſuch *Proſpects* of delight,
As doth tranſcend all humane words and ſight;
And there be rendred happy in loves *Arms*
With all *Celeſtial* and eternal Charms.
From *Heaven* we paſs, and down to *Earth* again
To behold him in his curious Train?
His *Air*, and *Voice*, proclaim the Angelick nature,
Making him the *Metropolis* of the Creature:
And all his vertues do denote him high
To be the next a kin to the Divinity?
Their Speech is mean like to the Birds of th' Field,
Therefore a pleaſant Converſation yield:
Shewing the variety of the World,
As differing Lights from the ſame Sun are hurl'd;
But in him the Indies of his love's laid out,
Which makes him turn the Giddy world about?
'Mong Beaſts, the Lyon, Birds, the Eagle high,
So among men the Engliſh ſignifie,
Among Flowers the Roſe exceeds the other,
Of the Pink, Tulip, and the Gilliflower;
Heaven ſhewing it ſelf moſt unto its own,
Like a kind Parent to his belov'd Son;
In ſhort he's the Flower of the Creation,
Still acting as beſt becomes his *Station*?
The Favourite both of Heaven and of Earth,
And bleſſed from his very Infant-birth,
He lives here for a while to take his pleaſure,
And when he comes into the Starry Treaſure
The Powers above do treat him as a friend,
In glorious Manſions where there is no end.

The Picture.

See and behold the Engliſh, and draw nigh
Unto their noble Prince in Majeſty,
So great he is that *Greatneſs* can't him raiſe
Cloath'd with Majeſty and Celeſtiall Rayes;
In every degree a happy Creature,
From the perfections of his mind and Feature;
So mighty witty, and ſo rarely wiſe,
The joy of Hearts, and wonder of our eyes?
At whom we ſtill draw near to, and look on
Like *Marygolds*, when opening to the Sun;
And as *Jove's* happy with his Joyes above,
So *England's* King is in his Subjects love;
And when *Nature* failes that he muſt dye
He ſhall be Crown'd to all Eternity.

I have peruſed theſe Verſes, and find them compoſed according to the Rules of Poetry, and therefore think them fitting to be Printed.

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